



Cecil Edward Swepston

March 15, 1956 - April 14, 2019

Cecil Edward Swepston, 63, of Fort Gibson was born in Tahlequah, OK on March 15, 1956 to Owen Walter and Anna Bell (Qualls) Swepston and departed this life early Sunday morning April 14, 2019 at his home with his loving family by his bedside.

Cecil had 11 siblings and was raised in the Keys area where he graduated 8th grade. Cecil became a self-sufficient adult at an early age. During his sophomore year in high school, he began working at a pest control company and worked a second job to support himself. After a short time, he went to work at Love Bottling. On May 2, 1974 he married the love of his life, Sharon Guinn and of that union came two daughters. During the early years of their marriage Cecil worked on a ranch in the Peggs area and then at the Oklahoma State Highway department. In 1978 he settled in his career at Fort Howard which later became Georgia Pacific as a welder/millwright and retired from there in the early 2000's. Cecil worked hard to make life easy for his family, spending many late nights cutting wood to sell after putting in a long day at the paper mill.

Cecil loved to coon hunt and spent many years fighting chickens, which he was very successful at. When he became interested in cattle and horses, he used every opportunity to learn by surrounding himself with people with the right knowledge. He rode bulls at a young age and began team roping as he got older, winning several saddles and instilling a love for horses in both of his daughters. After raising cattle and horses for years, Cecil and Sharon decided

to turn back to her showing roots, and quickly became competitive at a National level with boer goats, having the National Premier Sire several years running. His core values of integrity, honesty, hard work and dedication made Broken S Ranch one of the most successful and respected show quality boer goat production operations in the Nation.

After years of Sharon planting the seeds, in 1990 Cecil gave his life to the Lord and began his ministry. After visiting several different churches, he found his place in Sharon's home church- the Tahlequah Church of God 7th Day. He served in many different capacities before being called to Pastor. He not only served as Pastor to the Tahlequah church, but would also travel to other churches. Serving the Lord was his passion and he shared that with others at every opportunity.

As the grandkids grew and became interested in 4-H and FFA, Cecil turned his focus to supporting not only them, but many other kids in the schools surrounding them, hoping to give each child the best opportunity they could to learn the valuable life lessons the FFA and the livestock industry provides. Year after year Cecil supported the Fort Gibson local show, the Muskogee Regional livestock show, sponsored kids at convention and other events, and would instigate a bidding war in a heartbeat to raise money at the annual pie auction. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Cecil is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Eva Nell Slover, Sue Trammel and Georgia Ann Price; brothers, Bobby York, Jimmy York and Bill Price; his in-laws, Fred and Ruby Guinn.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Sharon of the home; daughters, Sherry Greathouse and husband James of Fort Gibson; and Shannon Vahdatipour and husband Chuck of Fort Gibson; grandchildren, Chase Gifford and fiancé Leah Steelmon, Shelby Gifford, Megan Greathouse, Emma Gifford, Abby Vahdatipour and Raygan Greathouse; sister, Debbie Gardesser and husband Ronnie of West Siloam Springs; brothers, Charles York and wife Janice of Tahlequah, Wade Swepston of Texoma and Ray Swepston of Texas; sister in law, Kathy Scott of Fort Gibson, many nieces, nephews, great nieces

and nephews and many friends.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with the family receiving friends 5PM-7PM.

A service celebrating Cecil's life will be 2PM Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Crescent Valley Baptist Church in Tahlequah with Reverend Chip Hinds, Reverend Glen Rowan and Reverend Bud Ullrich officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Hendricks Cemetery in Tahlequah with James Greathouse, Chuck Vahdatipour, Chase Gifford, Raygan Greathouse, Justin Scott and Kolby Martin serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Ronnie Gardesser, Randy Trammel, J.R.

Patterson, JB Trimble, Bob Lindenfelser, Bill Stanton, Mark Berry, Micah York, David Taylor, Mitchell York, David Stanley, Gary Gillam, Ron Dilley, Clue Anderson, Mark Seabolt, Hank Johnston, Clay Myers, Anthony Maher, Jerry Harris, David Woodward, Walter Maher, Bryan Craig, Albert Guinn, Nathan Martin, Randy Witt, Bobby Trammel, Brent Townsend, Jon Landers, Ron Leach, David "Booger" Deskin, Kevin Hart, Dustin Finch, Randall Rochell, Earl Peacock, Glen Ryals, Jimmy Fort, Keith Hardbarger and all the buddies that shared in his coon hunting, cock fighting, team roping and goat showing adventures.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations in Cecil's name to Edward Jones, attn: Broken S Ranch Youth Livestock Fund, PO Box 458, Fort Gibson, OK 74434.

The family of Cecil Edward Swepston has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Hendricks Cemetery

Hwy 62
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Previous Events

Family Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

APR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crescent Valley Baptist Church
25641 S Crescent Valley RD
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Tribute Wall



“ *Cecil Edward Swepston*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Kay Bentz (Tom) lit a candle in memory of Cecil Edward Swepston*



Kay Bentz (Tom) - April 24, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ *Rex Guinn & Tammy Latta purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cecil Edward Swepston.*



Rex Guinn & Tammy Latta - April 18, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ *Loving Prayers to Cecil's wonderful family, they have lost a wonderful man with a huge heart. He has been a great friend and mentor to us from the day we met him. He will be missed by us as well as all that knew him, Goat shows and sales will not be the same without him. Prayers of comfort to his great family.*



Colleen Woods Lacy - April 17, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ Cecil treated my family has his own, and we all looked up to him with such high esteem. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to you Sharon, Sherry, Shannon and all your family, we love you all dearly. Mary and Wayne Newman, Emily Clayton Jessica and Taylor Robinson

Mary Newman - April 17, 2019 at 02:34 PM



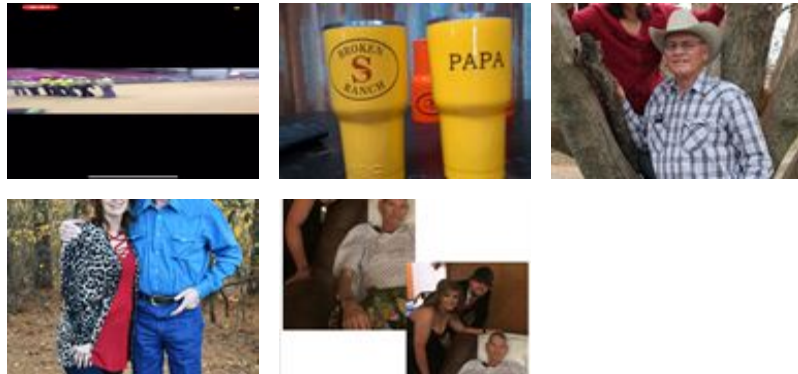
“ Mary Newman lit a candle in memory of Cecil Edward Swepston



Mary Newman - April 17, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ 155 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - April 16, 2019 at 10:05 PM

CF

“ *Chip, Mary, Lucille Hinds and Family purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Cecil Edward Swepston.*



Chip, Mary, Lucille Hinds and Family - April 16, 2019 at 07:42 PM

WW

“ *Prayers to Sharon and family for comfort today and the days ahead. Cecil was a special man and brave fighter and we will all see him again when we are called home.*



Wilma Wallis - April 16, 2019 at 04:48 PM

JB

“ *Prayers for all of you, he was a blessing to all he encountered. The boer goat industry will miss him tremendously. His memory will live long with those he loved. My heart hurts for all of you. Hugs and most of all prayers.*

Joetta Boyd - April 15, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecil Edward Swepston.*



April 15, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecil Edward Swepston.*



April 15, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ *Prayers & Love ~ Sharon ~ Sherry Ann ~ Shannon
Prayers for peace and comfort.*



Love, Brenda (Maher) Curby

Brenda Curby - April 15, 2019 at 03:47 PM



Prayers and thoughts for the family. I love u all and so sorry for your loss.

Mandy Wakefield - April 15, 2019 at 05:15 PM



Sharon i am praying for comfort for you and family while you go thru the loss of loved one.I am so sorry cannot make i am out of state. I love you all and praying

Dora Willis - April 17, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil Edward Swepston.*



April 15, 2019 at 12:49 PM

 Archie
Wright Jr.

“ We went to Keys school RIP

Archie Wright Jr. - April 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

KH

“ Praying for you all! The Hubler family loves all of you and Cecil will be tremendously missed not just by us but so many. What a legacy he leaves behind! Rest in peace my friend until the day we meet again!

Kristi Hubler - April 15, 2019 at 12:31 PM

KR

“ Prayers for all of you from all of us. Cecil was one of the best friends a man could have and will be sorely missed on this earth, but will be treasured in Heaven. I find comfort in knowing he is pain free now and walking with god. God bless you all.

*Kevin and Allyson Richmond
Garrett and McKenna Blair*

Kevin Richmond - April 15, 2019 at 10:54 AM

LN

“ We love you all and are praying for you. We will all see Cecil again and it will be a joyful reunion!

Lynn and Kristie Newby

Lynn and Kristie Newby - April 15, 2019 at 09:33 AM

DH

“ Thinking of you all and sending prayers of peace and comfort.

dena howe - April 14, 2019 at 10:25 PM